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PORT-AU-PRINCE NEWSPAPER LE MATION RAN LEAD EDITORIAL SEPT. 24  
ON THE EFFECTS OF THE CASTEL HAITI EXPLOSION ON GOVERNMENT POLICY.  
THIS POST'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF EDITORIAL FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. A TIME OF WISDOM - IT IS NOW PROVEN THAT THE  
HAITIAN AUTHORITIES KNOW HOW TO MAINTAIN THE SPIRIT OF PEACE AS  
WELL AS OF ORDER IN THE STREETS. SOME FEARED AFTER THE UNHAPPY  
HARRINGTON AFFAIR SECURITY MEASURES WOULD BECOME SO STRICT AT THE  
AIRPORT THAT PERSONS ARRIVING FROM ABROAD WOULD BE ALARMED AND THAT  
THE TOURIST TRADE WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY IT. THERE  
IS NOTHING TO IT. CERTAINLY VIGILANCE IS CRUCIAL, BUT TRAVELERS  
ARE UNDERGOING NO FUSS THAT COULD BOTHER THEM.

"WHAT HAPPENED IN A PORT-AU-PRINCE HOTEL SEPTEMBER 4 WAS BUT  
A PASSING ACCIDENT, A TRIVIAL NEWS ITEM COMPARED TO THE ACTS OF  
FOLLY IN OTHER CITIES AND COUNTRIES BY DISPUTANTS OF ALL STRIPES  
AND BY TERRORISTS WHOSE MOTIVES AND OBJECTIVES ARE NOT ALWAYS DIS-  
CERNABLE.

"THE LESSON THAT WE HAVE LEARNED IS THAT IN THIS PERIOD  
OF DISARRAY THE WORLD IS GOING THROUGH THERE ARE ACTS OF  
PROVOCATION THAT MUST NOT UNDULY ALARM US ON PAIN OF LETTING  
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OURSELVES BE SUCKED INTO AN ENGINE OF REPRESSION WITH ILL-FATED

CONSEQUENCES FOR A COUNTRY FROM ALL STANDPOINTS. OUR LEADERS,  
WHO SAW THIS (PHENOMENON) ELSEWHERE, UNDERSTOOD AND DID NOT LET  
THEMSELVES BE DIVERTED FROM THEIR MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF  
CONSOLIDATING PEACE AND ASSURING ECONOMIC GROWTH. SERENITY  
AND WISDOM ARE NEEDED SO THAT OUR BELOVED HAITI CAN REMAIN THE  
LAND OF SMILES. END QUOTE.  
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